

FLORIDA TOPICS

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Miami's city tax roll for this year shows the total assessable valuations to be \$1,461,783.98.

Orlando's assessment roll this year shows an increase in tax valuations of nearly \$100,000. The city council has fixed the tax rate at 13 mills.

Mrs. R. J. Chillingworth, mother of Attorney C. C. Chillingworth, of West Palm Beach, died in that city Saturday August 14, death resulting from ptomaine poisoning.

During a terrific thunderstorm the steeple of the First Baptist church at Lake Butler was struck by lightning and completely wrecked. The steeple was 150 feet high and terminated in a crescent at the end of an eight-foot iron rod.

Articles of incorporation of the New Orleans and Gulf States railway, connecting New Orleans and Pensacola, Fla., were filed at New Orleans, Tuesday afternoon. The capitalization is five million dollars. It is believed the Frisco Rock Island System is behind the movement, but this cannot be verified.

Mrs. Tempy Newbery, of Waldo celebrated her one hundredth birthday Monday, August 16th. She is the mother of two children, a daughter 65 years of age and a son 51—neither of whom have ever married. She was twenty-two years old before railroad, telegraph or sewing machines were invented, and remembers the first use of matches postage stamps, umbrellas, lamps and many common every day articles, with which we could not now dispense.

Several prominent citizens of Putnam county are incorporating the American Pecan Company with a good capitalization for the purpose of planting something like 1,000 acres to the improved pecan. The total contemplated acreage will be divided into blocks of eight acres each, situated in different parts of Florida suitable for the culture. It is proposed to plant peaches between the pecan trees to assist in maintaining the groves and property. The general office will be located in Palatka.

A sad drowning accident is reported from Pensacola. Rev. C. W. Woodruff, aged 65 years, in charge of the Baptist church at Camp Walton, near Pensacola had just completed his gospel boat "Evangel," which he intended to use as an errand of mercy. Returning from the shipyard he had tied up at the camp where his aged wife watched him proudly from the landing and was going to throw out the stern anchor when he stumbled and pitched headlong overboard. The distracted wife rushed to get assistance but twenty minutes had elapsed before help arrived. The body was recovered in about eight feet of water and the work of resuscitation promptly carried on but without results.

As a test of the Stokely fruit shipping crate, which is the invention of W. R. Stokely, of St. Augustine, Fla., a carload of Georgia peaches was shipped to E. R. Brackett on Monday last by the Bagley-Gober Orchard Co. 125 crates of the Stokely make brought \$2.25 while the peaches packed in the other crates in general use only brought \$1.25 and \$1.75. This proved to Mr. Stokely's great satisfaction that fruit packed in his crates would bring 50c. more at the least than other packing of fancy fruit is worth. Mr. Stokely's invention has several other good points, such as displaying the fruit better, makes for less handling gives more air to fruit and prevents decay by contamination. He says it won't be any higher in price than ordinary crates now in use.—New York Produce Bulletin.

Henry Craig, a white man, met death in a horrible manner last Friday morning at Pensacola, Fla. Craig was employed on the fishing smack Halcyon. He had gone to the bow of the boat to attend repairs to the rigging, and in some manner fell overboard. He was a good swimmer and came to the surface a short distance from the yacht. His companions saw him headed for the boat and ran forward to throw him a line. Just then a shark's fin rose directly behind him. The men on board shouted to him to look out for the shark, but the warning was useless. A giant fish of the man-eating species closed upon him and snapped his body in twain before the horror-stricken men on board could do anything to help him. Craig gave one scream as the shark closed upon him. The water was dyed red with his blood for a few seconds as the shark dragged the body beneath the waves. The horrible affair occurred at a point between the navy yard and the city proper, and only a short distance from the shore.

Murders, robberies and assaults in the Jacksonville saloons are making the votes every day.

The county commissioners of Columbia county have fixed the tax rate for 1909 at 12 mills. Of this total 7 mills are for public schools.

The commissioners of Duval county have decided to pave two miles of road, one mile on the South Jacksonville road, one mile on the South Jacksonville road, one mile on the South Jacksonville road, one mile on the South Jacksonville road.

A. Merwin, aged 94 years, of Palatka on Monday of last week was one of the oldest citizens in the State. Washington Irving adapted the life of Mr. Merwin to the character of "Ichabod Crane" in his "Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

William Gomm, of Buckingham, Lee county, is planning to put out 20 acres in vegetables next season to be used exclusively by the cannery. He is preparing to put in operation. Mr. Gomm's cannery at present has a capacity of 1,000 cans per day, which he expects to greatly exceed if he can get the material.

That wool can be profitably raised in the South has been proven by A. J. Peaden, of Santa Rosa county, Florida, who with his brothers own an immense herd of sheep in West Florida, and have marketed between 16,000 and 20,000 pounds of wool during the last few weeks. Nearly the same amount has been made for several years by them.

There is on foot among the Methodists of Florida a movement to organize and operate a great Christian Assembly Hall at Enterprise, Fla. It will be the headquarters for conferences, Bible institutes and training schools and religious gatherings of various kinds. It is intended to make it a center of influence on all Christian work, not only in Florida but all over the country.

The State Railroad Commission has issued a notice to the Atlantic Coast Line, the Seaboard Air Line and the Tampa Northern Railway, citing these roads to show cause why they should not erect a union passenger station in the city of Tampa. The commission will go to Tampa on Tuesday, September 21, accompanied by its attorney, Louis C. Massey, and hear from the legal representatives of the railroad.

Perry Walden, a young man about 24 years of age, died at Carrabelle Monday afternoon from hydrophobia, after suffering intensely for many hours. Young Walden, who is married, was employed by the R. J. & B. F. Camp Lumber Company at that place, and while acting as flagman on a log train some time ago, found a little puppy in the woods and brought it home with him. In holding the puppy, it bit him several times, but nothing was thought of this at the time. Sunday night, however, symptoms of hydrophobia developed, and two physicians were called in, but in spite of their medical skill, Walden died Monday.

Rev. J. B. Culpepper and his son, Burke, have literally taken Mulberry for Christ. Never in the history of the town has so much enthusiasm been manifested in a revival. Fifty persons were added to the churches this week and a large number are going forward daily. At the close of the temperance lecture Wednesday, delivered under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. by Rev. J. B. Culpepper, more than five hundred men marched down the aisle and donned the white ribbon bow. Some of the most prominent "blind tiger" men in the city were eager to pin on the insignia of temperance, virtue and truth. These same men donated large sums of money to assist in defraying the expenses of the meeting.

Death came to Charles Fabian Law, of Green Cove Springs, Thursday afternoon at about 3:30 o'clock while he was resting in a store in Jacksonville. His death was due to apoplexy, and so quietly did he pass away that the people in the store at the time hardly realized that he had answered the inevitable call. Mr. Law was around the city Thursday in the best of health to all appearance, but being a heavy man the heat of the streets caused him great suffering. During his walk down Bay street he stopped at a store on No. 822 West Bay and took his seat in a chair with the apparent intention of resting. A few moments afterwards his head was seen to fall over as if he was asleep, but those who saw him thought little of this, as no movement of the body was perceptible. Later on some one in the store attempted to arouse the stricken man, only to find him dead. Medical assistance was summoned, but life was extinct long before an attempt was made to arouse the deceased.

Soldier Barks Death Plot.

It seems to J. A. Stone, a civil war veteran of Kemp, Tex., that a plot exists between a desperate lung trouble and the grass to cause his death. "I have had a stubborn cold," he writes, "which has become a cough that stuck to me for years. All remedies, for years, have failed to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which restored my health. I now weigh 175 pounds. Coughs, colds, asthma, and to prevent pneumonia's unrivaled, see and bottle free. Guaranteed by St. Lucie Drug Co."

While making excavations for a new house on North Reus street, a large number of negroes disinterred the bones of a man thought to be a Civil War soldier. Found near the bones were probably those of an English soldier, J. E. Shepherd, a member of the negro force. A great deal of trouble in protecting the spot from the souvenir hunters that led to the spot through curiosity. The negro who first found the bones and the barrel of an old flintlock gun near by, was named Roberson. A powder horn, some lead balls, pieces of flint, the head of an ax, and several other articles were found near the bone.

Disagreeable at Home
Lots of men and women who are agreeable with others, get "cranky" at home. It is not disposition, it's the liver. If you find yourself that you feel cross around the house, little things worry you, just buy a bottle of Ballard's Herbine and put your liver in shape. You and everybody around you feel better for it. Price 50 cents per bottle. Sold by St. Lucie Drug Co.

In speaking of the prominence being given his candidacy for the United States Senate in the editorial spaces of the Florida newspapers Claude L'Engle said in a recent interview: "In our State, the newspapers are divided into four classes: the owned, controlled, afraid and free. The free papers will speak no evil of my campaign, while some are afraid to say anything at all. The owned and controlled must say what they are paid to say, or they will lose their jobs. The people are going to know just who they are before this campaign closes; for I know and I will tell a few things when the proper time comes."

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Billions and a few over of little frogs have been hopping in and around Brooksville the past ten days. In some places the entire surface of the ground is covered with them for many acres. In each division of them the frogs are hopping at the same time and in the same direction. A little distance away their motion makes the earth appear to be in motion. They are little fellows and lively.—Brooksville Argus.

Washington Once Gave Up to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spider's bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed, then "Buckley's Arnica Salve" completely cured him," writes John Washington, of Bosqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles its supreme. 25c at St. Lucie Drug Co.

The Tampa Tribune is one of the state papers that made a plea for silence on the state-wide prohibition fight until next year, but it never fails to print everything that comes its way against the amendment.

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An aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles has been organized in Lakeland with quite a large membership.

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